

We have taken up the question of certain other railway connections which are more important now. They have to be decided first.

MR. MISRILALL PARASMALL.—The Hosur line will be of great benefit to Bangalore and will also attract lots of visitors from South India. The construction of the line will never mean a loss.

MR. Y. K. RAMACHANDRA RAU.—As I said, it is not so easy. There are some difficulties about it.

Major Tanks in Davangere Taluk.

Q.—45. Mr. Patel CHANNAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many major tanks there are in Davangere Taluk;

(b) when they were restored;

(c) whether the unrestored tanks would be taken up for repairs even now?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(a) and (b)—

<i>Name of Tank.</i>	<i>Year of Restoration.</i>
1. Kondankóvi Tank	... 1887
2. Anaji Doddakere	... 1889
3. Kongaji Guddankere	... 1880
4. Kadaji Tank	... 1889
5. Bettur Nagarhattakere	... 1881
6. Imbigere Tank	... 1897
7. Anagod Tank	... 1880
8. Honnur Tank	... 1931
9. Kundavada Tank	... 1901
10. Hadadi Doddakere	... 1893
11. Nargumballi Tank	... 1903
12. Huchavvanaballi Tank	... 1902
13. Kodaganur Tank	... 1900
14. Nalkundi Tank	... 1916

(c) This does not arise as all the major tanks are restored.

Congress Members of the Constitutional Reforms Committee.

Q.—47. Mr. BASAPPA alias RO-GAPPA (Harihar Sub-Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) how many members are there in the Mysore State Constitutional Reforms Committee; (ii) of these, how

many are members of the Mysore State Congress (please give their addresses in detail);

(b) in how many meetings of the Reforms Committee did the Congress members take part;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Congress representatives tendered their resignations to the Reforms Committee;

(d) the reason for their resignation?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprakashta B. T. Kesavaiah).—

(a) (i) Twenty, besides the Chairman. (Vide Appendix.)

(The Committee originally consisted of 19 members, besides the Chairman. Six new members were subsequently added, three of whom were nominated by the Mysore State Congress Working Committee.)

(ii) None.

(b) Twenty-three.

(c) and (d) Yes. In pursuance of a resolution of the All-Mysore State Congress Committee held on 26th February 1939.

MR. B. L. BYANNA.—Are there any non-Mysoreans in the Reforms Committee?

MR. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—None that I know of.

MR. B. L. BYANNA.—Is Mr. Haneef a Mysorean?

MR. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—He may be practising as an Advocate in the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, but he owns property in Bangalore City.

MR. B. L. BYANNA.—Is it not a fact that other Muslims who are equally competent and who have a better stake in the State were available for serving on the committee?

MR. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government are satisfied that this gentleman is a Mysorean and competent to serve as a member of the committee; but they would not like to make comparisons such as those referred to by the member.

MR. B. L. BYANNA.—May I know who were appointed as members of the committee in the vacancies caused by the resignation of the three Congress members?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It was not considered necessary to fill up those vacancies.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—As the strength of the committee had been fixed at 25, was it not necessary to fill up all interim vacancies? Would the committee not have benefited by the views and opinions of 3 more members?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—As the work was nearing completion, it was not considered necessary to fill up the vacancies.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Who were the 3 members nominated by the Congress?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Messrs. K. T. Bhashyam Aiyangar, H. B. Gundappa and H. C. Dasappa.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Had the Mysore Congress Party been recognised as such at the time the committee was constituted?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Apart from the 3 members referred to, did the Mysore Congress have any other representative of its own on the committee?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—When was it that a compromise was reached between the Government and the local Congress through the intercession of Sardar Patel?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There was no question of compromise or agreement. He came here in May and had conversations with Government on this and some other questions. The Government Order of May 1938 was passed subsequently and that order contains certain details of the subject-matter dealt with.

Mr. J. ASWATHANARAYANA RAO.—Have various shades of public opinion been placed before the Reforms Committee?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHAR-AYYA.—Did the acting President of the Mysore Congress approach the Dewan for removing the name of any of the Congress members of that committee?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I am told some such request was made.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHAR-AYYA.—Had the acting President any power to make such a request?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The concerned persons had better be asked about it.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHAR-AYYA.—Was the Congress President told by the Government that merely because he made a request, they could not dismember persons already appointed?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHAR-AYYA.—Was it proper for the Congress to prefer such a request?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I do not think so.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHAR-AYYA.—The Congress has been contending that the Government Order of 17th May was based on a compromise suggested by Sardar Patel in his interviews with the Dewan. Is that correct?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I cannot say that. As the order itself says, certain requests were made of Government and those requests were conceded.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHAR-AYYA.—Anyhow, may I take it that the Order of 17th May contains all the facts relating to that question?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET—*contd.*

Lokasevaniratha Bale SIDDALINGA SETTY thanked the Government for presenting a surplus budget. But he was not sure how far the Government could realise their anticipation of a surplus. He referred to the withdrawal of Rs. 5 lakhs from accumulated reserves and observed that if this sum was deducted, the budget could not be treated as surplus. He was of opinion that the only way of making the budget a surplus one in the real sense would be by effecting substantial reduction in salaries and abolishing unnecessary appointments.

The member then thanked the Government for having made liberal grants for drinking water wells and irrigation works and requested that departmental